

This Page Is Inserted by IFW Operations  
and is not a part of the Official Record

## **BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES**

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images may include (but are not limited to):

- BLACK BORDERS
- TEXT CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- FADED TEXT
- ILLEGIBLE TEXT
- SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- COLORED PHOTOS
- BLACK OR VERY BLACK AND WHITE DARK PHOTOS
- GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS

**IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.**

**As rescanning documents *will not* correct images,  
please do not report the images to the  
Image Problem Mailbox.**

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**  
English Language Declaration

Docket No.  
29572-2/P02

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**FLOATATION SYSTEM INCLUDING LIFE RAFT**

the specification of which

(check one)

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on: September 21, 2001

as Application Serial No.: 09/961,787

and (if applicable) was amended on:

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

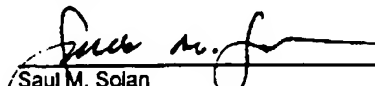
Priority Claimed

_____ (Number)	_____ (County)	_____ (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
_____ (Number)	_____ (County)	_____ (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
_____ (Number)	_____ (County)	_____ (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a) and 1.10**

I hereby certify that this correspondence or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service, under 37 CFR 1.10, on the date indicated below and is addressed to Box Missing Parts, Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

December 19, 2001  
Date of Signature

  
Saul M. Solan  
Express Mail No.: EL83458813945

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code 112.1, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

_____ (Application Serial No.)	_____ (Filing Date)	_____ (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)
-----------------------------------	------------------------	---

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (list name and registration number)


David E. Heisey, Reg. No. 42,651  
Peter K. Hahn, Reg. No. 34,833  
David B. Woycechowsky, Reg. No. 39,079


Send Correspondence to:

David E. Heisey, Esq.  
**Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP**  
600 West Broadway, Suite 2600  
San Diego, California 92101

Direct Telephone Calls to: (name and telephone number)

David E. Heisey (619) 699-2494

Full name of sole or first inventor David G. Parrott	
Inventor's signature 	Date 11-27-01
Residence 1340 Taft St. Escondido, CA 92026	
Citizenship U.S.	
Post Office Address same as above	

Full name of sole or first inventor Don V. Hitzfield	
Inventor's signature 	Date 11/27/01
Residence 26987 Moro Azul Mission Viejo, CA 92691	
Citizenship U.S.	
Post Office Address same as above	